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TUNA FISH ARE NOT MACKEREL

The Board of United States General Appraisers at New York city a short time ago overruled the protests of Meyer & Lange and Farodi, Erminio & Co. against the collector's assessment of tunny fish at 30 per cent. ad valorem under paragraph 270 of the 1909 tariff act. The fish was claimed to be dutiable at 1 1-4 cents per pound under paragraph 273 as mackerel.

General Appraiser Brown, writing the opinion for the board, said:

The importer proved by Dr. R. C. Osburn, assistant professor of zoology in Columbia University, and assistant director of the New York aquarium, that scientifically tunny fish belonged to the same family as mackerel. He testified that tunny fish ranges around the world in warmer waters; that it is found widely distributed in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and the Mediterranean seas; that it comes as far north in the North Atlantic as Nova Scotia; that it is a large fish, ranging over 1,000 pounds in weight; that in the Mediterranean it runs about 300 to 600 pounds, and on this coast it runs considerably larger. That it is known sometimes as a tunny or horse mackerel on this coast. Further that the chub, Spanish mackerel, albacore, ocean bonito and other bonitos were all of the mackerel family; that the difference in relationship between horse mackerel and common mackerel is about as marked as the difference between the Spanish mackerel and common mackerel; that all these fish were recognized by scientists throughout the world as members of the family; that the albacore, another member of the family, reaches about 600 pounds, and some of the other members reach a weight of over 100 pounds.

On cross examination he said (page 2 of the record)

"There are several species of fish called horse mackerel, for instance, this tunny. Some of them do not even belong to the same group of fishes with it."

When asked if he ordered mackerel from his fish supplier, he would ever get tunny fish, he said he would get the common mackerel or the Spanish mackerel. He further said that the tunny of the Mediterranean was the bonito, or little tunny, ranging in weight from 40 to 100 pounds; also occurring on the California coast and our coast.

The government put on the stand a number of witnesses in an effort to establish a commercial definition of the term "mackerel" which would exclude tunny fish. This evidence is not altogether satisfactory, and the importer claims that the government entirely failed in this effort.

Assuming for the sake of the argument that this claim is correct and that no commercial definition has been shown, still this evidence does not, on the other hand, include tunny fish under the term "mackerel" and we are led to the conclusion that tunny fish are not included in the term mackerel, considering only the common meanings of the word.

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MAY HAVE TO QUIT SEALER.

The Eagle Caught in Ice Is Perilously Situated.

The misfortunes of the sealing fleet were increased Tuesday when word came that the steamer Eagle, with 203 men equipped for the hunt, had been crushed in the ice off Notre Dame Bay. Capt. Bishop reported the Eagle's plight to be serious. Arrangements had already been made to abandon her, he said. Veterans expressed the belief that the Eagle's crew would be forced to escape over the ice floes to Twillingate, the nearest point in Notre Dame Bay. Capt. Bishop in his message, said that he was preparing for such a trip, which would be accompanied by grave danger.

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GRIMSBY CRAFT FOR GRAND BANK

The Grimsby steam trawler Rayond'or, Captain Jensen, has been taking on coal at Roche's wharf, sailed Tuesday night for the Newfoundland banks. The Rayond'or will engage in fishing on this side during the coming season and will make Canso her headquarters.

Salt Fish Conditions.

Speaking of the salt fish market, the Fishing Gazette says:

"Well, we haven't got much to say; business has been pretty good with us. Of course there has been no rush. Everybody is buying conservatively, but we have had our share," said an executive of a new salt fish firm in New York last Tuesday.

Said a leading New York authority last Tuesday: "Though the Lenten season is nearing its end, demand for salt fish is only moderate and on the hand-to-mouth order. Mackerel is unsettled and easy, but without quotable change. Supplies of herring are comparatively small, but in the absence of important consuming demand prices show no improvement. Codfish is steady under a moderate jobbing demand."

"I think that the heavy consignments of codfish that I sent to Porto Rico were absorbed all right," said the executive of an eminent New York house last Wednesday. "I guess it is a case of hold up for a week or two in Porto Rico. While I don't think the market there has slumped much, if any, but we have been getting pretty stiff prices, and those people were rebelling a little. Now other markets have been opened up to us and we do not at the present time have to depend upon Porto Rico alone. Any one that is looking for cheap fish this year is going to get left. I notice that the markets in the sugar producing territories are mighty good. They had a little labor trouble down there in Porto Rico. I hope that they have things all adjusted by this time. It was not a particularly bad situation anyway."

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FIRST OFF-SHORE HERE THIS WEEK

Capt. Spinney Dodges In Today With Fine Halibut Fare.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney, arrived during the night, bringing the first off shore trip to port this week.

The Hammond is from Sable Island Bank and brought 28,000 pounds fresh halibut and 12,000 pounds fresh fish. Capt. Spinney reports bad weather most of the time out, but struck good fishing when the weather conditions would admit. Her trip was about as nice a fare as has been landed here for some time, mostly small fish and sold to the American Halibut Company at 14 cents a pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

Down from Boston are the steam trawlers Wave and Foam, the former with 120,000 pounds fresh fish and the latter, 100,000 pounds.

Gill netting receipts yesterday totalled about 60,000 pounds, three-fifths being haddock and pollock, and the remainder cod.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Wave, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Foam, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Sable Island Bank, 28,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Russell, via Boston.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, via Boston.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, via Boston.

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Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.
Cusk, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.
Fresh halibut, 14c per lb. for white and 10c for gray.

FISH WITH LINE SIX MILES LONG

In the March American Magazine Cleveland Moffett writes a highly entertaining article in his "Doing the Wonders of the Deep Sea." He describes important discoveries reported by oceanographers fishing three or four miles down in the sea. The boat that has been used for this purpose by scientists for thirty years is the "Albatross." Following is an extract from Mr. Moffett's article:

"The 'Albatross' fishes with a line three mile long, often four miles long sometimes six miles long or over, a line of slender cable, but wonderfully strong, rolled off a deck winch by a sputtering steam engine, that we bring up from the ocean floor a three or four-ton haul of sponges, crinoids, jelly fish, sea urchins, giant crabs, long white worms that break in two if you touch them, phosphorescent trees (really animals), sea cucumbers with hideous heads, star fish, devil fish, pelican fish, lantern fish, shark's teeth, whale ear bones, sea cows' ribs, and scores of other extraordinary things."

"The 'Albatross' follows no beaten paths of commerce. She goes where other vessels rarely go. She explores forgotten corner of the seven seas, drops her great nets by day and night, takes hundreds of soundings, uncharted waters and, after a cruise of months, brings home her trophies for final safe keeping in jars filled with alcohol and labelled with Greek and Latin names. This sort of work she has been doing for thirty years, ever since George W. Baker designed her engines for the United States fisheries service in 1882. It is worthy of note that the 'Albatross' was the first steel steamer built in America."

GARDNER WANTS 'MODUS' REVISED

Again Takes Up Claim of Privileges for Auxiliary Fishery Crafts in Nova Scotia Ports.

Congressman Heard by Counsellor Lansing and Legal Adviser Anderson—Latter Given Charge of Problem and Will Bring It Up When War Matters Are Less Pressing—Big Lever Now Is Fact Canadian Government Has Granted American Fishing Crafts in Pacific Equal Privileges With Their Own in British Columbia Ports, With No Charge.

Congressman Augustus P. Gardner conferred yesterday at the State Department, Washington with Counselor Robert Lansing and Chandler P. Anderson, official legal adviser of the department, on securing for American fishing vessels fitted with auxiliary power, the same concessions in Canadian ports as is now accorded American fishing vessels propelled by sail, under the terms of the Modus Vivendi.

Before the European war broke out, at the suggestion of the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, an interview looking to the settlement of this long standing problem was arranged by the congressman representing his Gloucester constituents and Col. Farquhar representing the Governor General of Canada.

The matter was then presented to the Canadian Government by Col. Farquhar.

This official, by the way, is the same Col. Farquhar who has just been killed fighting at the head of Princess Patricia's own Canadian Regiment.

At the termination of the audience yesterday it was arranged that Mr. Anderson should take entire charge of the Gloucester fishery question as soon as there is a let up in the work involved by the blockade disputes with Great Britain.

This the Opportune Time.

It would seem that the opportune time has arrived for action, under conditions which look more favorable than ever before. To a number in this city and Boston, it has been known for several days that by an Order-in-Council, the Dominion government on March 11 did grant important concessions to American fishing crafts on the Pacific coast, whereby all American fishing boats, whether sail or aux-

iliary, shall have all privileges in British Columbia ports, including the selling of fares without duty, the same as British crafts.

This should be an important lever in the hands of Mr. Anderson in securing the desired concession from the Canadian government for American auxiliary powered fishing crafts of the Atlantic, when the time arrives.

The New England fishing interests are very fortunate indeed in having the services of Mr. Anderson. There is no one better acquainted than he with the situation. His recognized ability, in fishery matters has already attested on more than one occasion. He was agent for the United States in the North Atlantic Fisheries Arbitration before the Hague Tribunal, and he was also one of the U. S. counsel in the Alaskan boundary and British Columbia fisheries claims and has represented the United States on other important fishery matters besides.

SOUTHERN PORT FOR THE SEINERS

Capt. John W. McFarland wires to the Master Mariners Association that greatly improved facilities have been made at Cold Spring Harbor on the Jersey coast, which will interest the fleet of southern mackerel catchers, who land their trips in that locality.

The dispatch says: Gloucester Master Mariners Association, Gloucester Mass.,

I have been informed that the entrance to Cape Cod or Cold Spring Harbor, N. J., has been deepened to 18 feet at mean low tide. A new wharf is being built and facilities for handling and shipping of fish are very much improved. Please inform fishermen coming south.

JOHN W. MCFARLAND.

GOOD SIZED FLEET IN DOCK

**Several Off Shores Have Fine
Trips—Haddock Sold As
Low As \$1.25**

With the continued good spell of weather, another good sized fleet of off-shore haddockers arrived at Boston for today's trade.

Largest trips were those of schs. Vanessa with 60,000 pounds; Bay State, 80,000 pounds; Somerville, 52,000 pounds; Ethel B. Penny, 47,000 pounds.

Quotations, wholesale, were \$1.25 to \$3 a hundred for haddock, \$3 to \$3.25 for large cod, \$2 for market cod, \$3 to \$6 for hake, \$1.50 for pollock, \$1.50 for cusk and 20 cents and 16 cents a pound for fresh halibut.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

AT T WHARF.

Sch. Lucania, 17,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 pollock.

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Sch. Vanessa, 45,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 pollock, 2500 halibut.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 1500 haddock, 2500 cod, 4500 hake, 1200 cusk.

Sch. Bay State, 54,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 500 halibut.

Sch. Alice, 300 haddock, 3800 cod, 4000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Somerville, 22,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 100 halibut.

Sch. Eva Avina, 500 cod.

Sch. Valerie, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Progress, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Harriett, 1500 haddock, 4500 cod, 10,000 hake, 800 cusk.

Sch. Adeline, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 1000 haddock, 3100 cod.

Sch. Advance, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 300 haddock, 3800 cod, 6000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 6000 haddock, 6500 cod, 5000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 16,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$2; hake, \$3 to \$6; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; halibut, 20 cents and 16 cents per lb.

Dominion Ice Report.

As telegraphed by the Supt. Signal Service, Quebec, to the Halifax Board of Trade, March 23, 1915:

Fame Point, Point Maquereau, Cape Chatte, West Point, Anticost—Heavy open ice everywhere.

Cape Magdalen, Point Escuminac, Heath Point, Magdalen Islands, Scatar, Flat Point—Heavy, close packed everywhere.

Bersmis, Point Tupper, Cape Ray, St. Paul's Island—No ice.

Portland Fishing News.

The fish arrivals Monday many, a dozen Monday coming fares, while the numerous Hampton boats also arrived with average sized fares. The headline the day was the Sadie Nunan about 16,000 pounds of mixed while the others to arrive were: sail Grl, 12,000; Lochivar, 8000; bert D. Willard, 6000; Katie P. 6000; Morning Star, 7000; Bowden, 3000; Sarah A., 2500; 1800; Mustado, 1800; Nellie 1500, and the steamer Joanna, 5000 pounds of codfish.

Fishermen arriving from the ward Tuesday report seeing large bodies of pollock off Sequ Small Point, and a number of will fit out at once to engage in ing for them. Among the fleet the little steamer Emily which give up the lobster business, while to engage in pollocking.

Hajibuters Spoken.

Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney of John Hays Hammond, arriving this morning, reports speaking Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey; sch. bert and Richard, Capt. Robert W. ton; sch. Rhodora, Capt. Gustaf erson and sch. Harmony, Capt. G. Dodman in the "Gully".

Another Big One For "Enos."

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Nickerson, made another fine as the result of her haddocking trip Boston this week, realizing \$2400, the crew shared \$70 clear. The trip was out five days.

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SPINNEY RIGHT THERE AS USU

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Lemuel E. Spinney, stocked yesterday her halibuting trip landed yesterday the crew sharing \$80 clear to a. The Hammond was out just 21 it being her first trip this season. Spinney evidently still knows the fish are and how to catch as his fine stock and share would cate.

BROUGHT WORD FROM THE 'ISLA

Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney of John Hays Hammond, arriving yesterday reports speaking sch. Capt. Thomas J. Benham of the trawl banking fleet off Sable March 16.

Capt. Benham reported that of his crew had rowed ashore island and were informed the wireless system was out of commission. The station was running of provisions.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Morrissey of this port, also one salt bankers was spoken. No been seen, but neither craft is able to set on account of the